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Whittier Man Sentenced for First-Degree Murder

A Whittier man convicted of first-degree murder was sentenced today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Don Syn said José Antonio Barrios, 22, was sentenced to 50-years-to-life in state prison for fatally shooting Robert Christopher Guerrero.

The sentence from Judge Patrick Meyers from the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch, comes after Barrios was convicted on Jan. 31 of murder with a sentencing enhancement for personally and intentionally discharging a firearm causing death.

Barrios and the victim were former friends who had a falling out over a woman and money, according to Syn.

Testimony during the trial revealed that on Feb. 1, 2013 they men ran into each other at a Stater Bros. supermarket. Barrios got into the victim's truck, Syn said, and drove to a residential area where he shot Guerrero three times.

Barrios then pushed the victim out of the car and drove away. Authorities later located the victim's car about two blocks away from the defendant's home, according to court testimony.

The case was investigated by the Whittier Police Department.

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